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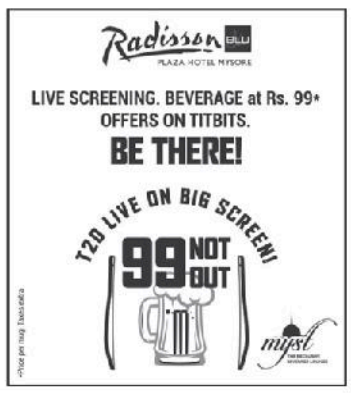
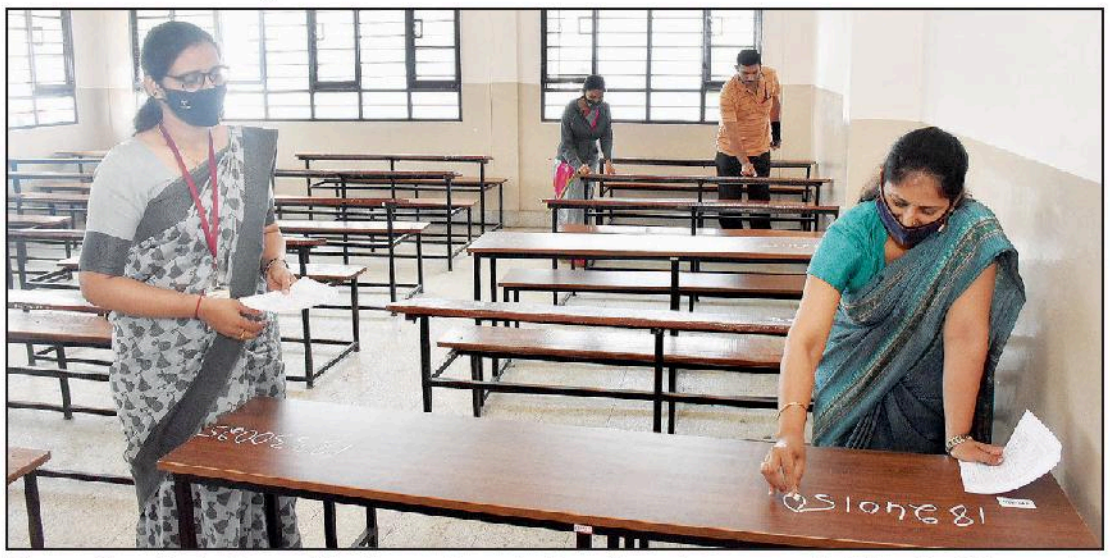


KSET-2021 postponed

Test was scheduled for tomorrow; Mysore Varsity takes a last-minute decision



Preparations including sanitisation and numbering of benches were on in full swing this morning at Sadvidya institutions (one of the exam centres) in city for the Karnataka State Eligibility Test (KSET) scheduled to be held across the State tomorrow.

Mysuru, Apr. 10 (RK&DM)-In a last-minute decision affecting thousands of candidates, the University of Mysore (UoM) has postponed Karnataka State Eligibility Test (KSET) for the Assistant Professorship scheduled to be held across the State tomorrow (Apr. 11) due to the spread of COVID-19 and the ongoing strike by KSRTC staff. UoM is the Nodal Agency to conduct KSET at 11 Centres in State.

In a press release, the University KSET Coordinator Prof. H. Rajashekar has stated that the exams scheduled for Apr. 11 had been postponed. The fresh dates will be announced as per the directions of the State Government. The press release further said that all candidates who had registered for KSET-2021 must keep a watch on KSET website *(http://kset.uni-mysore.ac.in)* for any further updates.

(See KSET on page 7)

3.8 lakh receive jabs in Mysuru so far: DC

Rohini Sindhuri defends night curfew order

DC Rohini Sindhuri

Mysuru, Apr. 10 (MTY & SSV)- Nearly 3.8 lakh vaccinations have been administered to Mysureans till now and over 40 private hospitals are giving vaccinations. The number of people inoculated in Mysuru will increase in the coming days, said Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri.

Participating in Meet-the-Press organised by Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) at Pathrakarthara Bhavan this morning, she said that after Bengaluru, Mysuru has reported highest COVID positive rate and death rate. "The District Administration has slightly shifted its focus towards handling COVID and we are confident of managing the situation," she added.

Defending the State Government's decision to impose 'COVID night curfew' in eight select cities across the State including Mysuru from tonight, Rohini Sindhuri said it will check unnecessary movement of people as many could be Coronavirus carriers.

She reminded an incident during *Ugadi* festival last year when a COVID positive person spread the virus to over 200 people while playing cards with his friends on that day. "It will be difficult to identify who is positive unless they are tested and prevented from moving outside, Our worry is that those persons must not become super-spreaders," she added.

Cases may go up

The DC hinted at increase in positive cases in the coming days with COVID-19 second wave sweeping across the country. The situation was under control in January-February this year but the number of cases crossed 150 daily in Mysuru in the last one week indicating the seriousness of pandemic. The cause of worry is a series of holidays next week as more number of tourists are likely to visit tourist places, she added.

(See JABS on page 7)

Devaraja flower market to function from J.K. Grounds

Starting tomorrow till three days, vendors, customers to follow strict social distancing measures

Mysuru, Apr. 10 (RK&BCT)- With the second wave of COVID-19 infection spreading and as the people are not following social distancing, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has ordered the closure of the flower markets and stalls at the Devaraja Market for three days from April 11 to 13 so as to prevent crowding of people ahead of *Ugadi* festival season.

As an alternative, the authorities have permitted the flower vendors to shift to the J.K. Grounds opposite the City Railway Station and function from there for three days. Usually, a large number of people shop at the Devaraja Market ahead of *Ugadi* and flowers sell the most.

There are over 600 flower outlets inside the Devaraja Market and festival rush results in crowding and congestion, violating social distance norms. MCC officers said that from tomorrow morning, all flower vendors will be housed at J.K. Grounds and permission has been obtained from the MMC&RI that owns the Grounds.

The temporary shifting was ordered as a crowd control measure to stop the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. Flower vendors will start making preparations for temporary relocation to the more spacious J.K. Grounds by erecting makeshift stalls and sheds.

(See FLOWER MARKET on page 7)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Saturday 10th April 2021

27th Ramanavami Music Series from April 13

Mysuru, Apr. 10 - Sri Ramasevamandali Charitable Trust has organised the 27th Ramanavami Music Series from April 13 to 22 at Sri Prasanna Parvathi Kalyana Mantapa, adjacent to Sri Chandramouleeshwaraswamy Temple, V.V. Mohalla.

As usual, mornings from 9 to 11.30, there will be rituals such as Abhisheka, Ashtothara, Navagraha Japa and Ramayana Parayana etc. Evenings there will be concerts from junior artistes from 5.15 to 6.15 and senior artistes from the country will perform from 6.30 to 9 pm daily.

The organisers have taken care to sanitise the hall before the concert daily and request the audience to compulsorily wear masks and sit on chairs placed with social distancing in mind. Hand sanitiser will also will be available at the entrance.

April 13 (6.30 pm): Harikatha by Yagnesh Surathkal.

April 14 (6.30 pm): Vocal duet from the popular duo Vidu. Sindhu Suchetan and H.M. Smitha.

April 15 (6.30 pm): Karnatak Vocal by Vid. Kunnakudi M. Balamuralikrishna.

April 16 (6.30 pm): Karnatak Classical by Vidu.Jayamangala Krishnamani.

April 17 (6.30 pm): Karnatak Classical Vocal by Vid. Suryaprakash.

April 18 (10 am): Vocal concert by M. Nishanth; **6.30 pm:** Veena Concert by Dr. S.V. Sahana.

April 19 (6.30 pm): Vocal concert by senior artiste Vid. T.V. Ramprasad.

April 20 (6.30 pm): Unique Jugalbandi by Dr. Jyotsna Srikanth on Violin & Dr. Ravindra Katoti on Harmonium.

April 21 (6.30 pm): Vocal concert by Vidu. Aishwarya Vidya Raghunath. **April 22 (11 am):** Seetha Sahasranama & Sri Rama Pattabhisheka; **6.30 pm:** Conferring of 'Sangita Kalaradhaka' title on Vid. S. Shankar, followed by his vocal concert as a Grand Finale.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

If you want to get some new furniture at home, or change your curtains, would you just go ahead and do it, and wait to see if your partner notices? Would you just up and announce one bright morning, "I have ordered two new chairs and some curtains, they are coming today. So, be ready for that?" Or, would you comment on things, share what you are thinking and say, "These curtains are dowdy now. I want to freshen up our home! Bring some summer colours! Maybe get a seat to sit near the window and read. What do you think?" and invite your partner for a consultation. Or, would you just talk about things in general, ask if your partner has any views on the furniture and curtains, share yours, and see if there's anything else that might need attention as well.

Whether big, medium or small, what we want to do with our shared spaces with our partners and how we talk about them with each other, tells us a lot about how we see our relationship. Do you see yourself as having more or less separate lives that just share space? Do you see yourself as anyway in-charge of these things and the other as going along with you? Do you see each other sharing needs and wants, and trying to see how the space can accommodate as much of it as possible? Do you see these things as acts of intimacy and connection that can help you feel more together? Do you resent the other person for making you do all the work while they themselves don't take any initiative? We communicate a lot more than what we seem to say. When we say things and what we say, tell us so much more. If we can notice it, reflect upon it, then maybe we can have more authentic conversations about what's really going on. *— Mahesh Natarajan in The New Indian Express*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Mango tree that produces 300 varieties

Malihabad: Haji Kalimullah Khan, aka Mango Man, is a world renowned horticulturist and fruit breeder known for his accomplishments in breeding mangoes and especially for his crowning achievement - a mango tree that produces 300 different varieties.

When Haji Kalimullah Khan dropped out of school at the age of 15 to make growing and breeding mangoes his life's work, his family, like most farmers in Malihabad, Northern India, was growing only two varieties of the delicious tropical fruit. But one day, after seeing a rose plant that produced flowers of different colors in a friend's flower garden, Khan learned about plant crossbreeding and started wondering if the same principles didn't apply to fruit trees. This was the beginning of a career that would eventually see him crowned as one of the world's leading horticulturists and fruit breeders and earn him the affectionate nickname "Mango Man".

Why dye hair when you can get it printed?

Barcelona: Barcelona-based stylist and hairdresser Alexis Ferrer has spent years developing a technique that allows him to digitally print colorful design onto human hair.

Alexis Ferrer started experimenting with hair printing in 2012, after being asked by haircare brand Wella Professionals to interpret a collection at International Trend Vision Awards. The aim was to "was to innovate with a technique not usually used in hairdressing," and photographic printing on hair seemed like the perfect way to graphically tell a story. His first attempt got a lot of attention iand he has been working on refining hair printing techniques ever since.

This year, he showcased the most recent version of his hair printing technique, digitally printed onto human hair.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Fact,

Sinuses and Ears (Middle Ear) are the extensions of the nasal passages. Hence, the nasal infections easily travel to sinuses and middle ear.

Dr. Dathathri H.A. *- Consultant ENT, Head & Neck Surgeon & Cochlear Implant Surgeon*

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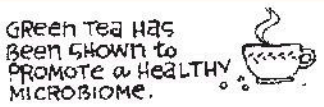

Green tea possesses several compounds that combat the five processes contributing to degenerative disease: Oxidative stress, sugar-induced damage (glycation), inflammation, mitochondrial dysfunction and assaults to intestinal microbiome.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	APR.8	APR.9
Day's Positive Cases	216	283
Total Positive Cases	57,385	57,668
Day's Discharges	92	172
Total Discharges	54,739	54,911
Day's Deaths	1	5
Total Deaths	1,070	1,075
Total Active Cases	1,576	1,682

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Child Prodigy Rahul R. Vellal to perform in city tomorrow

Rahul R. Vellal

Mysuru, Apr. 10- Raaga Vaibhava Charitable Trust has organised a Karnatak Classical Music by Child Prodigy Rahul R. Vellal at Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha on JLB Road in city on Apr. 11 at 6 pm.

He will be accompanied by Vid. B.K. Raghu on violin, Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar on mridanga and Vid. Raghunandan Rao on ghata.

About the Main Artiste: Presently aged 13 years, Vid. Rahul started learning music at the age 4 and currently is under the well-known vocalists, Ranjani and Gayathri and mridangist K.U. Jayachandra Rao.

Son of Ravishankar Vellal and Hema Suryanarayana, he is interested in western music also and has given vocal concerts at six international cities.

Accolades and honour have come to him from several music Sabhas in India and abroad. BBC Asian Channel has beamed his recordings many times.

NOTE: For attendees, wearing mask and maintaining social distance is a must. For details, contact Mob: 98450-43957.

REALLY...?

- ***Plants can be used as natural dyes. For example, tea bags or walnut juice can be used to colour cloth.***
- ***Chemicals released from freshly-cut grass can be highly effective to relieve stress.***
- ***All teas, white, black and green, come from the same plant, Camellia Sinensis, only the processing methods are different.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Guest to the waiter: *"Can you bring me what the lady at the next table is having?"*
Waiter: *"Sorry, Sir, but I'm pretty sure she wants to eat it herself!!"*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.70
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 102.39
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.34
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.90

VOICE OF THE READER

Kudos to COVID warriors at District Hospital

Sir,

I would like to share with *SOM* readers about the wonderful COVID treatment facility at Mysuru District Hospital on KRS road and express my gratitude to the COVID warriors on duty.

On 18th March 2021, my nephew aged 45 years, currently living in Bengaluru, was admitted in the night to a Private Hospital for breathlessness and later put on a ventilator. 24 hours later, he was tested COVID positive! He was in a critical state and needed immediate attention.

With his whole family in Mysuru and in consultation with the District Hospital team, we decided to shift him. The fully-equipped ambulance with oxygen and a paramedic brought the patient to Mysuru in less than 2 hours. The Hospital team was ready, waiting at the entrance and started his treatment in no time — giving preference to patient first and formalities next.

The first three days was an extremely anxious time for us but we were assured constantly he is in safe hands. Since no family can meet the patient, the Hospital team became his family and everything from his treatment to food was their utmost priority. The food given to him was very nutritious and healthy. Now my nephew is fully recovered and out of the Hospital.

Kudos to Mysuru District Hospital COVID warriors for treating patients with all their heart and dedication. May this Hospital grow multifold and rise to be a place where a patient can get treated with confidence of getting better and not just getting bills. A big thank you and blessings to the team of District Hospital.

—D. Ashok Kumar
Mysuru
8.4.2021

No illumination, No Sound & Light

But Palace open for tourists

Mysuru, Apr. 10 (SBD&SSV)- There will be no illumination of Mysore Palace on Sundays and public holidays (from 7 pm - 8 pm) till May 2 following surge in Corona cases. Likewise, 'Ugadi Sangeethotsava-2021' stands cancelled. Even Sound and Light has been suspended from Apr. 10 to 30.

However, the Palace is open for visitors on all days from 10 am to 5 pm but with Standard Operating Procedures.

In a press release, T.S. Subramanya, Deputy Director, Mysore Palace Board, said there will be no illumination of Palace on April 11, 13, 14, 18, 25, and May 1 and 2 to prevent crowding of people. Usually, 4,000 persons would be present inside the Palace premises during illumination.

Fall in footfall

He said an average 1,000 to 1,200 tourists visit the Palace everyday as against 6,000 to 7,000 persons during normal days. After the outbreak of Corona, the number of visitors has fallen considerably.

The Palace Board has prepared its own Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) which included allowing only 700 persons at one time. There have been multiple checks at various points. Once tourists enter the Palace premises, they undergo RT-PCR test in case of COVID-19 symptoms, which is done free of cost. Temperature test and oxygen level are checked soon after buying ticket. Entry is denied to tourists without masks. Hands-free sanitiser dispensers are placed at various points. Boxes are drawn at a distance of six feet each to make the visitors follow social distancing.

"We have taken all possible safety measures in the interest of visitors and Palace staff," Subramanya added.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Power disruption

Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted on Apr. 11 between 10 am and 6 pm at Devagalli, Ballahalli, Mooganahundi, Nagarthahalli, Yaddahalli, Thibbayanahundi and Anagahalli.

Postponed

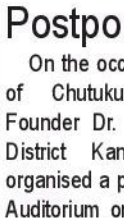
On the occasion of 77th birthday of Chutuku Sahitya Parishat Founder Dr. M.G.R. Urs, Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya had organised a programme at Parishat Auditorium on Apr. 13, but due to increase in COVID-19 cases, it has been postponed indefinitely.

Calling male theatre artistes

Rangayana, Mysuru, is conducting interview to select male theatre artistes for its theatrical adaptation of Dr. S.L Bhyrappa's novel 'Parva.' Candidates, aged 18 to 35 years, who have undergone training at Ranga Shikshana Kendra of Rangayana or any theatre schools and having theatre experience, can attend the direct interview to be held at Rangayana premises on Apr. 11 at 11 am along with their bio-data.

Ph.D awardees

The University of Mysore has awarded Ph.D in Economics and Co-operation to S. Swetha for her thesis 'Economic Analysis of Female Headed Households in Karnataka: An Empirical Study of Mysuru District' [Guide: Dr. D.S. Leelavathi].



Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belagavi has awarded Ph.D in Electrical and Electronics Engineering Sciences to B. Archana for her thesis 'A Joint Technique for Maximum Energy Conservation and Resource Allocation in Mimo-Ofdma System' [Guide: Dr. T.P. Surekha]. Archana is presently serving at Assistant Professor at GSSSIETW.

WATER LEVEL

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,262.85	feet
Inflow	:	90	cusecs
Outflow	:	1,225	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,821.54	feet
Inflow	:	36	cusecs
Outflow	:	190	cusecs

Kodava singer ends life

Prabha Chengappa entered into suicide pact with son at a lodge in Gonikoppal; son in critical state

Gonikoppal, Apr. 10 (Darshan &BCT)-With the sad demise of Tholanda Prabha Chengappa, Kodagu and Kodava language has lost a talented singer who had sung many hit songs in the 80s. The 70-year-old singer ended life at a lodge in Gonikoppal after consuming pesticides.

She entered into a suicide pact with her son 48-year-old son Subhash Chengappa, an ex-army man and he has been admitted to a hospital in a critical state. Tholanda Prabha Chengappa is the wife of late Tholanda Nachappa Chengappa of 'Thonacham' fame and the couple had produced many hit songs in Kodava language and their audio cassettes sold like hot cakes.

The Police suspect that family issues led to the mother and son duo to take the extreme step. Hailing from Peroor village near

Deceased Prabha Chengappa

Napoklu, Prabha and Subhash were settled at Kumaraswamy Layout in Bengaluru. Earlier, the family was settled in Gonikoppal and had shifted to Bengaluru.

The mother and son arrived at Gonikoppal from Bengaluru on Apr. 7 and booked room number 115 at a Prakash International Lodge at Poojari Arcade. Last evening, room boys and the lodge staff caught the smell of pesticides emanating from the room and on suspicion, they knocked the door.

As there was no response from inside, the lodge staff informed the Gonikoppal Police and broke open the door. The Police discovered that both mother and son had consumed bottles of pesticide and Prabha Chengappa had already passed away while Subhash was writhing in pain.

Subhash was rushed to Gonikoppal Government Hospital from where he was shifted to Virajpet Taluk Hospital. The Police said that Subhash is not in a position to give statement about the incident. Reports said that Subhash had married TV anchor Sujatha and they separated due to differences. Later Subhash married Reena Hebbar.

In the suicide note signed by Prabha Chengappa and retrieved by the Police from the lodge, it has been mentioned that the mother and son duo took the extreme step due to the alleged harassment by Reena Hebbar.

The death note mentions that though Subhash had got a good job, his wife was not allowing him to report to the job and instead, she allegedly kept him as her bodyguard.

Reena had allegedly transferred Subhash's SUV to her name and insulted Subhash. The suicide note mentions that Reena was seeking a divorce from Subhash and unable to bear the humiliation, they were ending their lives, the Police said.

Virajpet Dy.SP C.T. Jayakumar visited the lodge and Gonikoppal Police have registered a case in this regard.

40 KSRTC buses operate from city

Mysuru, Apr. 10 (MTY&DM)-Even as the indefinite strike by employees of the four State-run Transport Corporations — KSRTC, BMTC, NEKRTC and NWKRTC — seeking fulfillment of their nine-point charter of demands, which chiefly included payment of salary as per the Sixth Pay Commission, entered the fourth day today, the city witnessed operation of a total of 40 KSRTC buses since morning.

Sources in KSRTC said that while 20 buses operated from the Sub-Urban Bus Stand on mofussil routes, 20 other buses operated from the City Bus Stand on city routes.

Also, private buses, mini buses, maxi cabs and other public transport vehicles which have been granted temporary permission to operate on specific routes, too operated from the Sub-Urban Bus Stand picking up passengers, as they are doing since the indefinite strike was launched on Apr.7.

Trainee staff, who were issued call notice, fail to report for work

With the agitating staff in no mood to relent even three days after the start of the indefinite strike, KSRTC Mysuru Rural Division had issued a final call notice to 98 striking trainee workers (comprising Driver-cum-Conductor, Driver, Technical Assistant and Skilled workers) asking them to report for duty on Apr.9, along with a written explanation for their absence from duty. But none of them reported for duty till noon today.

The trainee workers said that they will not be deterred by call notices, warnings or other forms of threat. They said there was no question of reporting for duty until their demands were met as assured by the Government in December last when KSRTC staff undertook a similar strike.

Meanwhile, KSRTC authorities, confirming that none of the trainees who were issued final call notice had reported for duty, said that they have been set a fresh deadline till today evening. However, all trainees, who fail to report to work before the deadline, will be sacked, they said.

Meanwhile, despite the agitating staff in no mood to relent, the KSRTC authorities have continued with their efforts to convince them to return to work. The KSRTC is suffering a revenue loss of about Rs.1 crore a day, with Rural Division accounting for Rs.60 lakh and City Division Rs.40 lakh, it is learnt.

KSTDC operates buses to prominent tourist spots

Bengaluru, Apr.10 (KMS&DM)-The State-run KSTDC (Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation) has stepped in to address the woes of the commuters to some extent, by operating its own fleet to some prominent tourist destinations.

KSTDC will be operating Point-to-Point Air-conditioned bus service from Bengaluru's Yeshwanthpur Bus Stand to destinations such as Mysuru, Tumakuru, Hassan, Shivamogga, Madikeri, Badami, Hampi-Hospet etc. Travellers can book their tickets at KSTDC Central Office Booking Counter at Yeshwanthpur, Kempegowda Bus Stand Booking Counter, Redbus Portal and other Recognised Travel Agents Offices, according to a press release from KSTDC Chairperson Shruthi Krishna.

Obituary

D.K. Shivamma Nagarajegowda

Mysuru, Apr.10- D.K.Shivamma Nagarajegowda (62), a native of Doddakoppalu in K.R.Nagar taluk, passed away on Thursday.

She leaves behind her husband Nagarajegowda, a retired Information and Public Relations Department Officer of Chamarajanagar district, four daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at her native village on Friday.

Indramma

Centenarian Indramma (100), a resident of Kuvempunagar in the city, passed away on Friday morning. She leaves behind four sons, five daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill yesterday.

Rathnamma

Rathnamma, wife of late Shambulingaiah and a resident of Siddalingeshwara Layout in JP Nagar, passed away on Friday. She leaves behind two sons, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Veerashaiva burial grounds in Vidyaranyapuram today.

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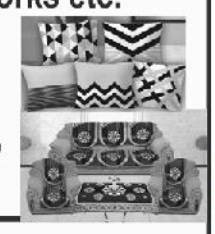

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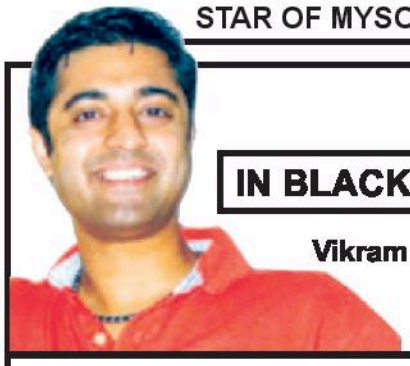

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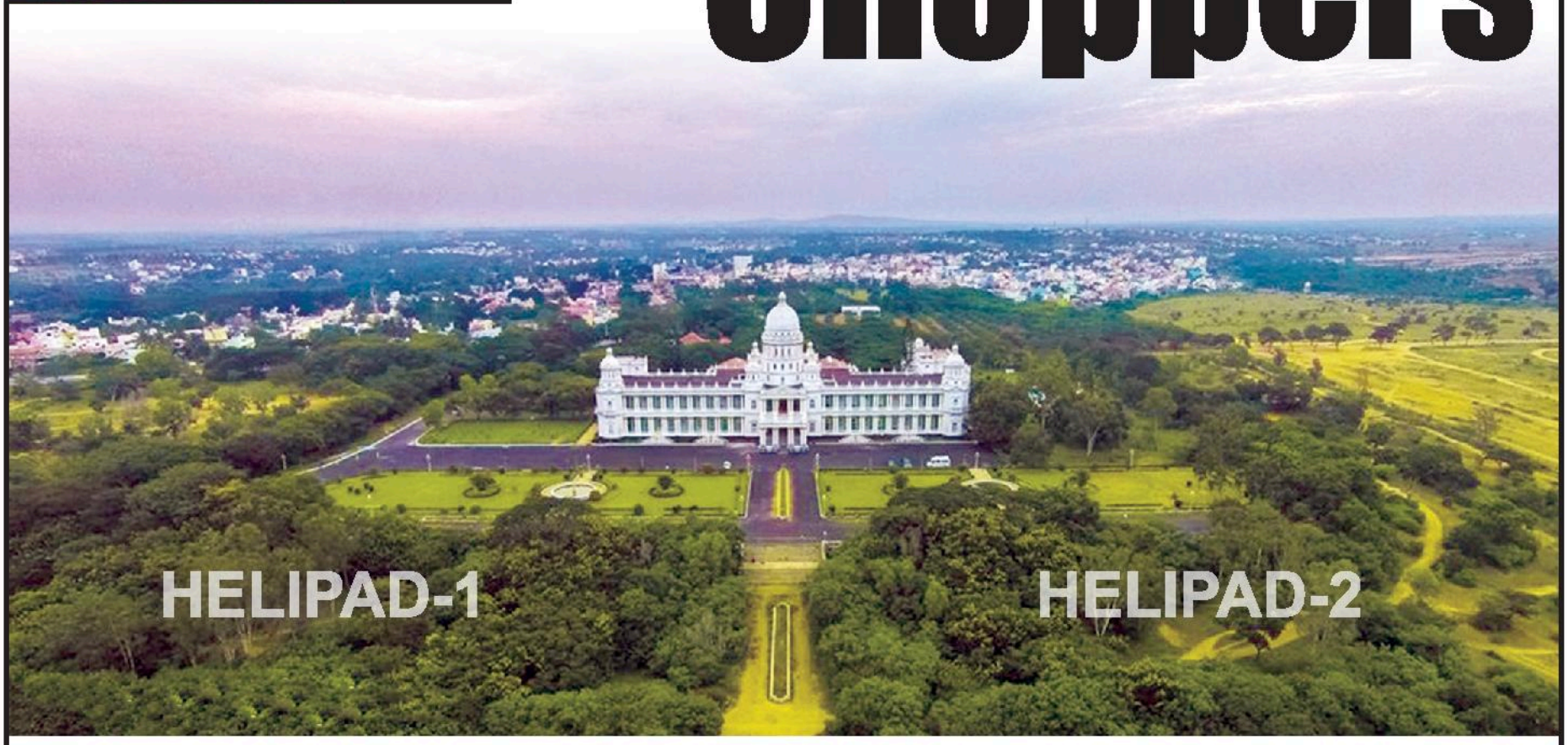
Vikram Muthanna

Chopping trees for Choppers



Proposed helipad locations near Lalitha Mahal. *[Pic. Courtesy: Drone-Acharya Dr. S. Nairuthya]*

Is Mysuru a tourist city? Yes. Is tourism crucial to our city's economy? Absolutely. So do we need Heli-Tourism to enhance it? Why not? But…

While tourist attractions are needed they cannot be and should not be developed at the cost of nature, especially when nature itself can be a tourist attraction.

Our Tourism Minister, C.P. Yogeeshwar, in all his enthusiasm, wants to introduce Heli-Tourism; where people can take a helicopter ride over our city and enjoy an aerial view of the Mysore Palace, KRS dam, Infosys campus…etc. But unfortunately he wants to facilitate this initiative by building two helipads while cutting down trees…lots of trees.

If anyone visits the proposed site, they will wonder why all this fuss for a patch of forest. But this patch has rich flora and fauna hiding within. Just this morning as I walked through this path I came across the rare *Tickell's Blue Flycatcher* and the elegant *Grey Hornbill!* In how many cities can one drive for a few minutes and witness such nature's beauty. Now, we want to destroy this for what? So helicopters can land and take off with people who want to see a city from above?

Yes, we need tourists. We need their business. But we must also realise that with tourism comes irresponsible tourists. Soon the now serene area in front of Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel will be peppered with haphazard parking, infested with food vendors, gaudy teddy bear-sellers and a sea of plastic waste.

Why not use the existing helipads? Yes, indeed after a recent court verdict the land on which the old helipads stand now belongs to Pramoda Devi Wadiyar and not the Government. But the Government can always request Mrs. Wadiyar to lease the helipad to the Government?

Meanwhile, we must also consider this….the Government is going in appeal and may very well win. After all, the Government has hired the celebrated lawyer Harish Salve. If the Government wins, the present helipad will come back to the Government and we will end up with five helipads next to each other! And a rich patch of forest land would have been destroyed in vain.

This apart, the Minister and his advisors should know that the Government itself proposed to turn the proposed area into a 35-acre Botanical Park 20 years ago! And there is a reason for that.

This area around Lalitha Mahal and the foothills of Chamundi, according to Ornithologists, has over 77 species of birds and over 150 species of butterflies including the State Butterfly, the *Southern Birdwing,* which is the biggest butterfly in India.

So, if the Minister is sincere about creating more tourist attractions, then he must complete this long-pending Botanical Garden Project.

Finally, is the proposed location ideal? The new proposed helipads are right outside the Lalitha Mahal Palace, a heritage hotel. In fact, the helipads are just 300 meters away from its reception area! Will the constant vibration by helicopters not affect the integrity of the heritage structure?

Will the dust and decibel not kill Lalitha Mahal's "valuation"? Especially, at a time when the State Government is hoping that Taj Group will take over the prestigious heritage property to not only restore it, but also turn it into a tourist attraction while generating income for the Government and the city in the form of high spending tourists?

Then there is the issue of landing. Somender Singh, a man who has viewed Mysore from the air more than anyone, had this to say: *"Having flown over Mysore more than anyone else — having landed in most open fields in and around Mysore taking pictures, here is my 2 paise advise. For Heli-Tourism with safe landings, the ideal place would be Bannimantap Parade Grounds. It is centrally located. It is Government property. It is hardly used. It has perfect Airology & Visibility for any Heli Pilot to safely land & take off. To add, the Fire Station is located right next door. There are no traffic jams. Plenty of parking both inside and outside. And most importantly many big helicopters have demonstrated, for years during Dasara Air Show that they can comfortably land in this area! Where else can you find a better place in the heart of the city? When something already exists, why create fresh problems."*

Our leaders and officials tend to lack a sense for responsible, sustainable and aesthetic tourism development. And for some reason they can't leave the Chamundi Hill and its surrounding areas alone.

From Minister late D.T. Jayakumar, who suddenly revived the idea of a Ropeway across the Hill to CM's idea of developing Chamundi Hill on the lines of Tirupati-Tirumala Temple with Guest Houses; From the idea to put up a super-sized giant wheel with four-seater cabins called 'Mysore Eye" on the Hill to installing fibreglass Canopy all along the steps... There are always plans to bring in commercial filth that overpowers divinity and stinks up serenity, all in the name of misguided tourism development.

Even the place where the new helipads are proposed, which was first marked for a Botanical Garden, the MUDA floated a ridiculous idea of turning it into a Theme Park with animatronics (robotic moving objects), IMAX theatre, battery-operated train and an artificial river. Then finally, they said it would be turned into a Rock Garden. That too was not done. Now a helipad!

While the Government doesn't care for Chamundi Hill and the green area around it…what about Mysureans? Every Mysurean, who has found peace, love and truth in this oasis of green, has a duty to protect the Hill and the area around it. Else, we will have to hang our heads in shame and despair when plastic bottles and empty chips packets, welcome us on the path where once carpets of glorious yellow jacaranda flowers invited us for an enticing nature walk.

P.S.: Ah! may be Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev could perform "Inner Re-engineering" on our officials and leaders so he can save these trees and the Hill where he was enlightened.

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KSET-2021 postponed

Keep watch on website for new date

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Nearly, a lakh candidates have applied for KSET. The exams were supposed to be held for 41 subjects at 11 centres across the State including Mysuru, Bengaluru, Belagavi, Ballari, Vijayapura, Dharwad, Davanagere, Kalaburagi, Mangaluru, Shivamogga and Tumakuru. It may be mentioned here that last year too, the exams were postponed due to the COVID contagion.

As the examinations were scheduled for tomorrow, students were preparing to travel to various centres. Candidates who had applied for KSET were anxious in the wake of KSRTC strike and also the spread of COVID-19. However, the KSET Centre at UoM had re-confirmed that the exam will take place tomorrow as scheduled, no matter the on-going KSRTC strike. Now the University has made a U-Turn and postponed the exam.

KSET determines the eligibility for Assistant Professorship in various Universities, Colleges and other institutions of higher learning (Government/aided/unaided). In the wake of the on-going KSRTC strike, there was opposition from some quarters for the conduct of exam tomorrow, citing that many candidates would be severely inconvenienced to attend the exam due to the strike.

Also many applicants had demanded the University postpone the examination in view of the KSRTC employees' strike and disruption of bus services. However, the University authorities till this morning, were assertive that the exam would go ahead as per schedule tomorrow no matter the bus strike as all necessary preparations, including dispatch of question papers to all the 11 centres and marking of registration numbers of candidates in exam halls at all venues had been completed.

Devaraja flower market

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This is the fourth time that the Devaraja Market flower outlets are being shifted to the J.K. Grounds following the outbreak of the contagion. Last year too ahead of Dasara, Deepavali and Varamahalakshmi festivals, the flower vendors were shifted to J.K. Grounds.

MCC's Revenue and Health sections along with jurisdictional Devaraja Police personnel led by Inspector Diwakar have been deployed at the venue as thousands of people are expected to visit the grounds for flower purchase in the next three days. The MCC will set up mobile toilets and drinking water facilities.

Officials said that vendors have been directed to follow all measures such as physical distancing, wearing of face mask and use of hand sanitisers, not only by them, but also more importantly the people visiting the venue.

It may be mentioned here that as a measure to stop the spread of COVID-19, last year the MCC had shut down five major markets in the heart of the city — Devaraja Market, Shivarampet, Santhepet, Mannars Market and Boti Bazar (Mutton Market) for four days from June 25, 2020.

3.8 lakh receive jabs in Mysuru so far: DC

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The DC said all precautionary measures have been taken to handle the cases and requested private hospitals to reserve 20 percent of beds for COVID-19 patients.

COVID Care Centres (CCC) have been re-opened and the District Hospital has been kept ready with oxygenated beds.

As many as 150 Home Guards would be deployed across the city to appeal people to use face mask and maintain social distance in crowded places.

"It is not possible to deploy Police at every marriage hall to check the attendance. I request citizens to become self-disciplined and assist the District Administration to check the spread of pandemic," she said.

Confusion resolved

Replying to a question on withdrawal of order issued by her of making RT-PCR negative report compulsory to visit tourist places, cinema halls and other places, DC Rohini Sindhuri said some online media had misquoted her statement as 'mandatory' instead of 'advisory' and created confusion.

Once this issue was highlighted in media, senior officers in Bengaluru intervened and resolved the matter and subsequently, she withdrew her order.

The order on the closure of resorts and home stays issued by Kodagu District Administration was retained since no confusion was created over it, the DC noted.

MDJA President S.T. Ravikumar, Vice-President Anurag Basavaraj, General Secretary Subramanya and others were present.

Government bans RTC workers' strike

Bengaluru, Apr.10- With the indefinite stir launched by workers of four State-run Transport Corporations — KSRTC, BMTC, NWKRTC and NEKRTC — seeking fulfillment of their various demands, continuing for the third day yesterday despite appeals by the authorities to call off the strike, the Government on Friday issued an order banning the strike and referred the workers' charter of demands to the Industry Tribunal.

The order was issued by the Labour Department and came late yesterday evening. The Order said that the State Government on Jan. 22 had declared KSRTC, BMTC, NEKRTC and NWKRTC as essential service providers and also noted that the strike violated the rule that such a move should not be made at a time when negotiation proceedings were underway under Section 22(1)(d) of Industrial Disputes Act,1947.

In a separate order, the Labour Department referred the dispute between the League and Managements of the four RTCs to Industrial Tribunal, Bengaluru, which has been directed to decide the two key matters in six months. The Tribunal will first decide on whether the demand for salary for workers as per the Sixth Pay Commission is fair and just. Secondly, whether the strike, which began from the evening of Apr.6 itself, is justified.

Three companies evince keen interest in Heli Tourism Project

Bengaluru, Apr. 10 (KMS& BCT)- Growing opposition to Heliport and chopper docking station near Lalitha Mahal Palace that is a butterfly zone notwithstanding, three aviation companies have evinced keen interest in Karnataka's Heli Tourism Project initiated by Minister for Tourism, Ecology and Environment C.P. Yogeeshwar.

The companies that have expressed interest in Yogeeshwar's pet project are BLADE India, a point 'A' to point 'B' destination-based company and Chipsan Aviation that offers Heli Tourism and air-experience rides and also operates VVIP flying and heliport management services. The third company that has expressed its interest for the project is Thumby Aviation that offers non-scheduled helicopter rides, Heli Tourism and heli tour packages.

These three companies made a presentation to Minister Yogeeshwar at a meeting of Heli Tourism companies at *Kumarakrupa* Guest House in Bengaluru yesterday. The Minister instructed them to make the necessary preparations for the launching of services in the State soon. The State Government would construct tourist lounges required for the project, he added.

The Minister added that the Government would start the services using existing helipads and airports in the State and build new helipads in places where demand for them rises. In the first phase, Heli Tourism services will be launched in Bengaluru, Mysuru, Mangaluru, Ballari, Hubballi and Kalaburagi districts, Yogeeshwar said.

Representatives of the companies also requested the Minister that the Government can provide initial help to them by covering the losses to be incurred at the beginning of the Heli Tourism services and by subsidising fuel prices. The companies sought concession in GST too. Yogeeshwar assured the delegates that he would secure all permissions and permissible concessions for Heli Tourism project both from Centre and State.

The Minister replied that the State and the Central Governments would be consulted in this regard and necessary action would be taken. The Tourism Department is formulating plans to introduce caravans from all the airports and important tourist destinations in Karnataka at an estimated cost of Rs. 30 lakh and hotels and resorts can make the best use of the same, Yogeeshwar added.

Each caravan is liable to pay an annual road tax of Rs. 3.5 lakh and is an expensive affair. Tourism companies sought a tax exemption for caravan project. Caravan is a mini-van that is equipped like a mini-home. The luxurious automobiles are equipped like a mini-apartment with designated and fully furnished lounge-cum-bedroom, kitchenette and restroom.

The chopper companies at the meeting also urged the Minister that the aviation (helicopter) industry can survive adversities if all the Ministers — both Central and State — VVIPs from the Centre and foreign delegates use chopper services to travel from point to point.

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'Artificial Intelligence key for nation's growth'

NBA Chairman Prof. K.K. Aggarwal delivers third Convocation address of JSS Science and Technology University

Mysuru, Apr.10 (RK&DM)- Asserting that the future of the country lies in development of Artificial Intelligence (AI), **Prof. K.K. Aggarwal, Chairman, National Board of Accreditation (NBA),** said that blending of AI, Automation, Nano-Technology and Micro-innovation will largely help in spurring Information Revolution.

He was addressing at the third Convocation of JSS Science and Technology University (JSS S&TU) at Sri Jayachamarajendra College of Engineering (SJCE) campus in Manasagangothri on Friday.

Pointing out that we are in the era of Innovation after Green (Agriculture), White (Milk), Industrial and Information revolutions in the past, Prof. Aggarwal, who is also the former Founder Vice-Chancellor of IP University, Delhi, stressed on the need for better utilisation of our available human resources for blending AI, Automation, Nano-Technology and Micro-innovation for ensuring best results in Science and Technology innovations.

Highlighting the need for Engineering, Medical and Economic sectors to come together for betterment of the world, he attributed such coming together of the three key sectors for the prosperity of America.

Calling upon the students to imbibe life skills and ethical values, he said that teachers and administrators should act as role models by practicing the same. Stating that he is happy to learn that SJCE is accredited six times by NBA and that it has now geared up towards NBA Accreditation under the Washington Accord, Prof. Aggarwal said that Technology has several facets, all of which are powerful drivers of change.

Regretting that a recent study has found that only 15 percent of Engineering graduates are employable, he observed that translating learning into action is a critical component of successful development in a global economy that increasingly relies on knowledge and information.

Opining that total use of Artificial Intelligence enabled our country to discover COVID-19 vaccine much faster than other countries, he said the new National Education Policy (NEP) too has focused more on blending of Technology and Economics.

Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graced the occasion.

JSS Mahavidyapeetha Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath administered oath for graduating students.

Prof. M.H. Dhananjaya, Advisor, Technical Education Division, JSS S&TU, Pro-Chancellor Dr. B. Suresh, Acting Vice-Chancellor Prof. Siddaramaiah, Registrar Dr. S.A. Dhanaraj, Dean (Management) Prof. P. Nagesh, Dean (E&T) Prof. S.P. Kivade, Controller of Examinations Dr. A.N. Santosh Kumar and others were present.

A total of 873 students received BE, 214 students received M.Tech, 67 students received MCA, 26 students received M.Sc and 183 students received MBA degrees on the occasion. Also, 49 medals were awarded to toppers, including 31 medals for students who scored highest marks in their respective branches and 18 Endowment medals.

'Update yourself to prove your importance of existence'

Mysuru, Apr.10 (PM&SSV)- With digital system making inroads into academic field, the necessity of teachers is questioned. They must update their professional skill from time to time to prove the importance of their existence, opined humorist and columnist Prof. M. Krishnegowda.

He was speaking at the valedictory function of K-SET, UGC NET exam training programme organised by Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) Competitive Examination Training Centre here on Tuesday.

Prof. Krishnegowda said that digital platforms were created in the academic fields which was helping them to hear teaching by world's best teachers. But this was going to impact local teachers and a lot of challenges were expected to come up in the field of teaching. "My daughter works in a Multi-National Company (MNC) which does not exist physically and everything happens online. I think employees of this company may never see each other in person in their lifetime," he said.

Seen are (from left) ***KSOU Competitive Examination Training Centre Co-ordinator Jainahalli Sathyanarayana, Additional Deputy Commissioner Dr. B.S. Manjunathaswamy, KSOU VC Prof. S. Vidyashankar, Humorist and columnist Prof. M. Krishnegowda and KSOU Registrar Prof. Lingaraj Gandhi during the valedictory of K-SET, UGC NET exam training programme held at KSOU premises on Tuesday last.***

"This is most serious development. If education becomes only information, why teachers are required? Already, this question is making rounds. Seeing the changes that were taking place in the world, it is very difficult to say what will happen to teaching profession and lifestyle down the line. When I started my teaching profession, I was assured of taking classes. But now situation is changing and everything is going on online. I don't know how teaching profession will be in the next 10 years or will it exist till then?" he observed.

He called upon students to develop positive attitude to pass all exams, not to worry about other things and maintain affinity towards their alma mater even after passing out from the institution.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Dr. B.S. Manjunathaswamy said that he too was in teaching before getting into administrative service. But the amount of respect and satisfaction in teaching profession was not seen in any other profession. Nearly 30 percent of portion taught in training programme were in KPSC and UPSC exams and students must take advantage of the same, he said.

As many as 253 candidates including a few from North Karnataka underwent the 45-day training programme.

KSOU VC Prof. S. Vidyashankar, Registrar Prof. Lingaraj Gandhi, Competitive Examination Training Centre Co-ordinator Jainahalli Sathyanarayana and Assistant Professor Shelvapillai Iyengar were present.

Night curfew from today

- Don't step out after 10 pm
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- Those travelling during curfew period from Railway Station, Bus Stand or Airport must produce their tickets as proof of travel

Curfew guidelines issued by State Govt.

- Night curfew will be imposed from 10 pm to 5 am. Effective from April 10 to April 20
- Only those who have health issues and their attenders will be allowed to travel
- Travel for essential services, goods delivery, E-Commerce will be allowed
- Employees of industries working in night shift must reach workplace before 10 pm
- Only medical services and emergency services will be allowed, other economic activity restricted

Mysuru, Apr. 10 (RK&SSV)- Mysureans, reach home before 10 pm as Corona Night Curfew will be implemented strictly from today up to Apr. 20 to restrict unnecessary movement of public in city.

The State Government, in a bid to check the surge of Corona positive cases, has decided to impose night curfew in eight cities including Mysuru. Chief Minister B.S.Yediyurappa has already warned of going for tough measures in the coming weeks if citizens failed to strictly follow the safety protocol.

Preparations in place: The Mysuru City Police are fully geared up to impose 'Corona Curfew' in letter and spirit and has worked out a detailed plan of action. DCP (Law and Order) Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda told *SOM* that already, one round of announcement regarding the closure of all shops and business establishments through Police Patrol vehicles have been made on Friday evening. Another round of announcement would be made just 30 minutes before the curfew comes into effect. All shops, malls, cinema halls, bars & restaurants, pubs, hotels, street vendors and other businesses must be closed down before 10 pm.

Three ACPs of Krishnaraja, Narasimharaja and Chamaraja, Inspectors of all 16 Police Stations, Sub-Inspectors, Head Constables, Constables and Home Guards would be on night rounds. Metal barricades would be put up at important traffic junctions and on main roads.

No restriction on movement of autorickshaws or cabs, and travellers by train or air. Strict action would be taken against those who would wander on streets without valid reasons and file cases under suitable law, he added.

EVENTS TODAY (APRIL 10)

- **Office of the Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, Cauvery Handlooms, Bengaluru and Department of Handloom and Textile and Commerce, Government of Karnataka:** Samskruti-2021 - Expo-cum-sale of Pure silk sarees and other handloom products from across the country, JSS Mysore Urban Haat premises, Hebbal Ring Road, **upto 9 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Muktidanandaji speaks on 'Understanding ourselves,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APRIL 11)

- **Office of the Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, Cauvery Handlooms, Bengaluru and Department of Handloom and Textile and Commerce, Government of Karnataka:** Samskruti-2021 - Expo-cum-sale of Pure silk sarees and other handloom products from across the country, JSS Mysore Urban Haat premises, Hebbal Ring Road, **10 am to 9 pm.**
- **Mysuru District Dance Directors and Dancers' Association and Lions Blood Centre Jeevadhara:** Blood donation camp in memory of Association Hon. Advisor Mysuru Kumar, Kaladhare Cultural Trust, Master 'N' Blaster Dance Group, No. 3, 6th Block, Srirampura II Stage, near Petrol Bunk, Vivekananda Circle, **10 am.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Muktidanandaji speaks on 'Bhakti Sadhana — Transforming Power of God's Name,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Raaga Vaibhava Charitable Trust:** Karnatak Classical Music by Child Prodigy Rahul R. Vellal, accompanied by Vid. B.K. Raghu on violin, Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar on mridanga and Vid. Raghunandan Rao on ghata, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Articulate Trust for Arts, Articulate Dance Studios Ensemble:** A dance feature in Kathak and Kannada 'Allama - the Mystic,' Ramagovind Rangamandira, Ramakrishnanagar, **6 pm.**
- **Natana School of Theatre Arts:** Staging of Kuvempu's play *'Jalagara'*, direction by theatre personality Devananda Varaprasad, Music by former Rangayana Director H.Janardhan, Natana premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**

73-year-old lady, who had placed a matrimonial ad, gets life partner

Mysuru, Apr. 10 (BCT)- The elderly retired lady teacher in Mysuru, who had placed a matrimonial advertisement three weeks back seeking a companion, has found a suitable groom. They have decided to be companions for each other for the rest of their life.

The 73-year-old woman, a divorcee, had stated in the advertisement that she was looking for an alliance with a man, who is healthy and older to her and mandatorily a Brahmin, of her community. More than the traditional sense of a husband, the woman was seeking a companion as there was no one to take care of her.

She had a painful divorce and did not want to be a burden for her relatives, even after the death of her parents.

Her advertisement had sparked a debate in the social media. While some made fun of the ad and called her up with the intention of ridiculing her, some others supported her and said that there was nothing wrong in seeking a solution on her own to battle loneliness in the evening of her life.

After placing the ad, the lady got many calls from interested elderly persons from all over the State and she selected a 69-year-old engineer from Mysuru who is a widower and stayed alone.

Seeing the ad, his friends encouraged him to write to the elderly lady who was seeking a companion. The lady and the elderly man met with each other and decided to take the proposal forward.

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K.C. Ganapathy is first Kodava Yachtsman to qualify for Olympics

Four sailors from India to compete at this year's Tokyo Olympics

K.C. Ganapathy

Mysuru, Apr. 10 (BCT)- In a historic first for India, four sailors from the country will compete at this year's Olympics after the pair of **Kelappanda Chengappa Ganapathy - Varun Thakkar** and **Vishnu Saravanan** made the cut for Tokyo at the Asian Qualifiers in Oman on Thursday.

This was after **Nethra Kumanan** became the first Indian woman sailor to qualify for the Olympics in the laser radial event in the Mussanah Open Championship, which is an Asian Olympic qualifying event, held on Wednesday. It is also the first time that India will compete in three sailing events in the Olympics.

"Yes, history has been scripted. Four Indian sailors have qualified for Olympics to compete in three events. It's the maximum number of sailors qualified and also in number of events," Yachting Association of India Joint Secretary General Capt. Jitendra Dixit said.

Chengappa - Thakkar pair finished on top of the points table in the 49er Class. The duo had to finish in the top six in the medal race to make the grade, but the duo finished fourth and first overall to qualify.

"We got the result we wanted. All our hard work has paid off. We are grateful for all the people who supported us. It was a shaky (final) race, but we did it. Now the work starts," Chengappa and Varun said after their achievement. Vikas Thakkar and Ganapathy had also won the bronze medal in 49er men's sailing event at the 2018 Asian Games in Indonesia.

"I congratulate Indian athletes Nethra Kumanan, K.C. Ganapathy and Varun Thakkar who have qualified for Tokyo Olympic in sailing. I'm particularly proud of the quota of Nethra, who is India's first-ever female sailor to qualify for the Olympics!" tweeted Union Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju.

Twenty-six-year-old Ganapathy is the son of Kelappanda late Deepak Chengappa and Reshma Chengappa (from Allaranda family). His mother Reshma runs a furniture business in Chennai and the family is settled there. His grandparents are Kelappanda late Pratap and Padma Prathap. Padma resides at Kolthodu village near Hatur village in South Kodagu.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Padma said that it was a proud moment for India in general and Kodavas in particular as Ganapathy has achieved the distinction of being the first Kodava Yachtsman to qualify for the Olympics."He has been sailing all through his life and started sailing at the age of six. He won the Under-12 National Championship and has come a long way. I pray for his success every moment and I am confident that he will make India proud," she said.

In fact, Ganapathy quit school to pursue full-time sailing and won the Asian Games bronze. Later he enrolled himself at an Open School.

Indian sailors Varun Thakkar, Nethra Kumanan, Vishnu Saravanan and K.C. Ganapathy pose after their qualification to Tokyo Olympics. *[Pic. courtesy: Internet]*

YOUTH WALKS

from Kanyakumari to Kashmir to Salute Corona Warriors

Mysuru, Apr.10 (MTY, SBD &SSV) - A youth from Mysuru has walked from Kanyakumari to Kashmir to show his respect to lakhs of Corona Warriors who are dedicated to fight against the deadly COVID-19 pandemic.

P.N. Bharath, 33, a resident of 'K' Block, Kuvempunagar, is the adventure buff who covered 4,100 kms in just 99 days. His adventure trip began on December 11, 2020 from Vivekananda Rock in Kanyakumari, and passed through Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Haryana, Delhi, Punjab, Chandigarh to culminated at Dal Lake, Srinagar of Jammu and Kashmir on March 19. He would walk around 50 to 75 kms a day which helped him to cover the distance. After completion of his mission, he has returned to Mysuru.

Son of Nataraju and Nagaratna couple from Kollegal town, Bharath obtained diploma in Computer Sciences, and was running DTH Sales and Service Shop at Saraswathipuram. With a view to give tribute to Corona warriors differently, he closed down his business and embarked on 4,000-km walkathon.

He told *SOM,* "Corona has taught a new lesson to the whole world. Many suffered due to lockdown. I shut my business not because of loss but to salute the selfless duty of the Corona warriors. Throughout my journey, I took shelter in Schools, Colleges, Police Stations, Rotary Clubs and Non-Governmental Organisations and created health awareness. I also explained them now it is possible to keep Corona away by following the Government guidelines and by regular exercise."

Bharath said he wanted 8 litres of drinking water daily and Rs.600 for food. Friends helped him. Unable to spend thousands of rupees on hotels, he spent his nights by staying in petrol bunks, temples and Gurudwaras. Somebody saw my achievement in facebook and helped me. "I bought 140 saplings from local nurseries and planted enroute. Sujatha, President of Rotary Club of Kashmir, a Kannadiga, and her friends gave me a warm welcome in J&K. I never faced any problem. People looked after me very well. The Indian Army soldiers were coming to my help in case of minor problem. I hoisted Kannada flags with CRPF jawans. It was indeed a memorable adventure and I dedicate it to all Corona warriors," he said.

"I am a marathon runner but never participated in any competition. Nor am I a regular walker but began my 4,100-km walkathon from Kanyakumari to Kashmir with a message. Whatever I did is for the people. I pedal around 300 kms a day. I climb Chamundi Hill (steps) nine times on Navarathri day during Dasara festival within four hours for the welfare of Mysureans."

— P. N. Bharath

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Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
Kode Muruga (K)	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Yuvarathnaa (K)	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Roberrt (K)	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
Pogaru (K)	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Rang De (Te)	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
Naandhi (Te)	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
Vakeel Saab (Te)	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Chakra (Ta)	Uma	2520009	4 Shows

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Yuvarathnaa (K)	(S-1)	10.15 am, 1.25 pm 4.30 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-2)	6.50 pm
	(S-4)	6.50 pm, 9.55 pm
Godzilla Vs. Kong (E)	(S-1)	7.35 pm
	(S-2)	4.30 pm
	(S-3)	10.30 am
Vakeel Saab (Te)	(S-2)	10.10 am
	(S-3)	3.55 pm, 6.55 pm, 9.55 pm
Roberrt (K)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Karnan (Ta)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
	(S-3)	12.55 pm
	(S-4)	10 am, 3.50 pm
Kode Muruga (K)	(S-4)	1 pm

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Yuvarathnaa (K)	(S-1)	11 am, 2.30 pm, 6.15 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-2)	1.30 pm, 5.15 pm, 9 pm
Vakeel Saab (Te)	(S-3)	10.45 am, 6 pm, 9.30 pm
Karnan (Ta)	(S-2)	10 am
	(S-4)	3.15 pm, 9.45 pm
Roberrt (K)	(S-4	11.30 am
Kode Muruga (K)	(S-3)	2.15 pm
Godzilla Vs. Kong (E)	(S-4)	6.45 pm

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Yuvarathnaa (K)	(S-1)	10 am, 12.55 pm, 3.50 pm, 6.45 pm
	(S-4)	2.30 pm
Roberrt (K)	(S-2)	10 am
	(S-4)	6.30 pm
Vakeel Saab (Te)	(S-2)	1 pm, 3.55 pm, 6.50 pm
	(S-4)	10.45 am
Karnan (Ta)	(S-3)	10 am, 1 pm 3.55 pm, 6.50 pm

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Roberrt (K)	: 11.45 am
Vakeel Saab (Te)	: 11.10 am, 2.40 pm, 6.25 pm, 9.50 pm
Godzilla Vs Kong (E)	: 6:50 pm,
Karnan (Ta)	: 11.15 am, 2.50 pm, 6.15 pm, 9.40 pm
Sulthan (Ta)	: 3.25 pm
Anugraheet (Ma)	: 3.40 pm, 10 pm

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Yuvarathnaa (K)	: 10.50 am, 11.30 am, 3 pm, 6 pm,6.30 pm
Kode Muruga (K)	: 2.35 pm
Karnan (Ta)	: 11.20 am, 2.25 pm, 6.10 pm
Vakeel Saab (Te)	: 11 am, 2.45 pm, 5.50 pm

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